

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the priority claim in the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications". The specification has been amended to insert the Sequence Listing and renumber the pages.


Claims 21, 24, and 33-66 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-20, 22, 23, and 25-32 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required, and that no additional fees are due. If an extension of time is required for this submission to be considered timely, the undersigned requests any necessary extensions of time. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment to) our deposit account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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